

FIREMEN HURLED IN BALTIMORE FIRE AS WALLS CRASH

Twenty-one Men, Trapped Upon
Roof, Hurled Into Midst
of Blazing Building.

OTHERS FLEE FOR LIVES

Flames Destroy Big Abattoir
Plant, and Property Loss Is
Placed at \$100,000.

BALTIMORE, March 24.—Fire
which endangered the lives of more
than a score of firemen and injured
several, and caused damage amount-
ing to between \$75,000 and \$100,000,
swept the Union Abattoir Company,
in southwest Baltimore, early this
morning.

A gale blowing from the southwest
fanned the flames, and in an incred-
ibly short time the entire oleo build-
ing, the engine room and a part of
the huge refrigerator plant were
wrapped in flames. Under the guid-
ance of Chief Emerich, the firemen
battled with the blaze from 2 o'clock
until dawn, and were again and again
in danger of their lives from the tot-
tering walls which, gutted by the
flames, were a prey to the gale.

THE INJURED.
Capt. William J. Stewart, Pipeman
H. M. Lyeth, Lieutenant McDonnell,
Captains Rutt, Pipeman Joseph Berry,
Pipeman Riggs, Pipeman Anthony
Yeager, Pipeman R. H. Lyeth, Pipe-
man George McFarland, Pipeman Gay
Ellis, Acting Pipeman Linton, Pipe-
man Arthur Gunther, Pipeman Harry
Berry, Assistant Engineer Joseph
Chasen, Lieutenant Sharkey, Pipeman
Frank Katsersky, and Lieutenant
Shaw were.

Firemen Trapped on Roof.

Twenty-one firemen under Fourth Dis-
trict Chief Shipley were trapped on the
top of the engine house when the east
wall of the oleo building crashed under
the weight of wind and water. The men
were carried into the blazing interior
of the engine house when the roof on
which they stood gave way under the
tons of brick and burning debris. With-
in the engine room, when the roof caved
in with its load of humanity, brick and
timbers, were ten other firemen under
Captain Rutt, who, heading a shout of
warning, ran for their lives and, with
the exception of two of their number,
escaped the avalanche. The firemen
who suffered injuries were hurt by
crashing brick and blazing debris.
Twice was Chief Emerich within an
inch of being seriously injured, once
when the first wall toppled, and again
when the north wall of the oleo build-
ing fell. Other walls are now in im-
minent danger of falling, and a fire line
has been established to keep away the
crowd of onlookers who all morning
surged about the scene.

Cattle Panic-Stricken.

John R. Miller, of 236 Dulany street,
was the first to reach the alarm box
at Brunswick street and the Baltimore
and Ohio tracks, and sent in the first
alarm. Then a general alarm was
sounded.

The main fight was to save the plant
of Corkran & Hill, which was separated
from the burning buildings only by a
narrow alley.

Cattle in nearby pens became panic
stricken and it was only with a great
deal of work that employees of the yard
prevented a stampede through the pens.
Water was kept playing on the pens, and
over the animals to prevent a spread
of the flames in that direction.

The fire was practically out by noon,
and a cursory search highly, however, it
showed that damage will be in the
neighborhood of \$100,000. This loss is
fully covered by insurance.

**Judge Goff Confers
With the President**
Judge Nathan Goff, of the Fourth
circuit, Maryland, called on President
Wilson today to discuss defects in the
rules of practice in his circuit, which
he hopes to see corrected by legislation.
He expects to confer with the President
again this week and will then outline
his ideas in detail.

Judge Goff has been a member of the
Federal judiciary in the Fourth cir-
cuit for twenty-one years, and is fa-
miliar with all the peculiarities of prac-
tice. He said he had no idea who would
succeed him, and intended to take no
part in influencing the succession.

Judge Goff spoke highly, however, of
John B. Rose, of Baltimore, who has
been mentioned as a possible appointee.

**Court Upholds Right
Of Gas Heater Patentee**
Slightly strengthening the "patent
monopoly" established for patentees in
the recent decision in the Dick mimeo-
graph case, the Supreme Court today
affirmed a decision of Illinois Federal
courts assuming jurisdiction of and
awarding damages for patent infringem-
ent of a gas heater by the Fair store,
of Chicago. Right of the Fair to sell
heaters at less than the price fixed by
the patentee, although bought in the
open market, was denied by the Illi-
nois courts.

TOYS ROLL EGGS AT WHITE HOUSE

Thousands, in "Sunday Best,"
Have Gay Time on Lawn at
President's Home.

WILSON WOMEN CYNOSURES

Adults Divide Time Between the
Joyous Youngsters and
Executive's Family.

Three thousand children frolicked
about the lawns of the White House
today while 2,000 adults played with
them or crowded up near the south
portico, on which stood Mrs. Wilson,
wife of the President, surrounded by
a bevy of children.

This was the picture at noon of
egg-rolling day, Monday after Easter,
and at the hour when the throng was
largest.

Hundreds more came after this
hour, but the total was diminished by
the departure of many of those who
had revelled since early in the morn-
ing.

Gay Scenes.

Gay, colorful animated scenes were
presented at the south of the White
House all day until 3 p. m., when the
tired White House policemen shooed out
some thousands of young and old who
did not wish to leave.

The adults seemed to be on hand
partly to watch the children, but largely
in the hope of getting a glimpse of the
new occupant of the White House. For
this reason the attendance today was
larger than last year, and for the same
reason the crowds came earlier.

President Wilson appeared on the
portico a little after 1 p. m. and bowed
an acknowledgment of the applause
which went up when the crowds caught
sight of him. The President from his
office window in the annex had occa-
sional glimpses of the merry scene all
morning.

There For Fun.

The children were there to play and
to roll eggs, and this they did in cheer-
ful indifference to the celebrity housed
a few feet from the scene of their frolic.
Not even when Mrs. Wilson graciously
posed for a picture on the portico with
three of the small sons of the
Secretary of the Navy Daniels by her
side did the little girls and boys desist
from their play. Adults rushed up to
get a view of Mrs. Wilson, of her
daughters, two of whom were also on
the portico, and of Virginia Peyton
Howe and members of their family.
The President, who were escorted by
their mother, Mrs. Wilson.

Applause broke out from the crowd
standing below and gazing up at the
portico when Mrs. Wilson stood still for
the photographers. Mrs. Wilson
acknowledged this by a bow and a
smile. Then she waved her hand at an
acquaintance whom she recognized in
the front of the throng below her.

Varicolored eggs were being rolled
mainly by little boys and girls, and
down the gentle slopes of the White
House grounds. Every colored egg that
was seen by the children was seized, and
the colors of the children's dresses were
nearly as many.

Some content merely to roll
eggs, but three of them at one another,
playing "catch." Near the east gate
two small boys kicked a football back
and forth. Some children played tag.
Some smiled; some merely shrieked loud
squeals. Some cried. They behaved
exactly after the usual fashion of chil-
dren.

Gazed At Gowns.

Adults also behaved after the manner
of their years. Womenfolk gazed eagerly
at the gowns worn by the prominent
folk on the portico, and speculated as
to which of the young women was Miss
Margaret Wilson and which Miss Jessie
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**PASSENGERS SAVED
FROM SHIP AT SEA**

**Texas Loses Propeller Blades
and Forty-three Are Taken
Off by the Tietjen.**

NEW YORK, March 24.—Wireless
messages received at the New York
offices of the Norway-Mexico Gulf
line today tell of the thrilling rescue
in mid-ocean of forty-three passen-
gers from the steamship Texas, bound
for Newport News, and their
narrow escape from death.

With her propeller blades lost, and
the big steamer with her cargo and
passengers at the mercy of the
storms which swept the Atlantic at
the point 1,800 miles east of Ambrose
channel, the captain had given up
all hope when the C. F. Tietjen, of
the Scandinavian-American Steamship
line, came to the rescue.

The drifting Texas was practically
unmanageable. Captain Thompson, of
the Scandinavian vessel, was able to
get within hailing distance of the
Texas, and after working for hours,
managed to transfer its passengers to
his own ship.

TOLL OF DEAD IN WESTERN CYCLONE REACHES INTO HUNDREDS; THOUSANDS ARE INJURED; PROPERTY LOSS TOTALS MANY MILLIONS

The Million-Dollar Freight Depot of the C. & N. W. Railroad, MAYOR DAHLMAN, Of Omaha.
Reported Damaged By the Cyclone.



A View of the Stockyard Section of Omaha. It is Reported That Many Were Killed In This Part of the City.

WOMEN SETTLE UP ESTATE SQUABBLE

Widow of F. B. Moran Gets
Home and Daughters Will
Be Common Tenants.

Financial differences between Mrs.
Jane W. Moran, widow of Francis
Berger Moran, and her daughters,
Mrs. Eleanor Berger McConihe and
Mrs. Arabella Moran Huggins, all prom-
inent in Washington society, over the
distribution of the \$300,000 estate of
Mr. Moran and his father, Charles
Moran, were settled today when Jus-
tice Barnard, in Equity Court No. 1,
signed a consent decree.

Mrs. Moran filed suit against her
daughters and members of their fam-
ily on November 15, last, asking that
a trustee be appointed to take charge
of the property in dispute.

She alleged that Mrs. McConihe had
been the dominant force in an agree-
ment made October 31, 1901, which was to
the effect that Mrs. Moran would ask one-
third of her husband's estate upon his
death and turn over the residue to her
daughters, who, in consideration, would
give her one-third of their income from
the estate of their grandfather, Charles
Moran.

Widow Gets Family Home.
Charges and counter-charges passed
between Mrs. Moran and Mrs. McConihe,
while it was understood Mrs.
Huggins agreed to concede to her
mother's wishes without court action.
Mrs. Moran stated that Mrs. McConihe
has simply been "ill-advised."

Before the decree was signed, Mrs. McConihe withdrew the charges made
against her mother in her answer to the
petition and filed a final answer.

Under the terms of the decree signed
today, the title in the family home at
235 Massachusetts avenue northwest is
vested in Mrs. Moran during her life,
with the remainder going to the daugh-
ters as equal tenants in common. It is
also decreed that Mrs. Moran is entitled
to retain rents and profits from the
estate since the date of the death of
her husband, Francis B. Moran, on
January 16, 1912.

The decree directs that the interest of
Mrs. McConihe in the real estate is
subject to a lien for indebtedness on her
part to her mother payable on the
death of Mrs. Moran, who may direct in
her will the disposition of this amount,
and if no directions are given the
amount may be deemed paid.

MOTOR CAR TAX FOR FEDERAL EXECUTIVES

Declared Residents of District
and Must Pay License
Fee of Two Dollars.

Under a ruling of the corporation
counsel, made public today, members
of Congress and executive officers of
the Federal Government, who are legal
residents of other States, will not be
exempted from the new auto-
mobile regulation imposing upon non-
residents the same fee as is assessed
by their home State against District
automobilists.

The question arose in connection with
the application of Senator Gallinger of
New Hampshire for a District automobile
license. Corporation Counsel Thomas
has informed H. M. Woodward, sec-
retary of the automobile board, that, for
the purpose of obtaining a license to
use his automobile here, it has been
decided that Senator Gallinger is a resi-
dent of the District.

In view of this decision, the Commis-
sioners today approved the recom-
mendation of Capt. Mark Brooke, As-
sistant Engineer Commissioner, that
members of Congress and executive
officers of the Government, who are re-
quired by law to conduct their official
business in Washington, be considered
residents of the District for the purpose
of this regulation. The cost to them
for a license will be \$2.

The regulation was aimed principally
at the Maryland authorities who have
refused to enter into reciprocal arrange-
ments with the District for the use of
the roads by automobilists. Under it
non-resident applicants for an auto-
mobile license are required to pay the
same fee as is charged by their State
against residents of the District.

**Navy Officer Will Get
Back Pay and Interest**
After a lapse of more than a year
Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell
nanded down a decision today, calling
for the issuance of a warrant on the
United States for \$60,000 in favor of
Lieut. John J. London, United States
Navy. This sum includes a disallow-
ance made against Lieutenant London
by the Auditor for the Navy Depart-
ment, with interest at 6 per cent. To
Lieutenant London is a windfall.

In October, 1911, the auditor found
and declared that Lieutenant London
owed the United States \$22,94 because
of alleged overpayments made to him
on account of salary. The difference in
pay hinged on the question as to
whether Lieutenant London should
draw the pay of advanced rank from
the day he was commissioned, or from
the day he was confirmed. The audi-
tor said it was the day he was confirm-
ed, and \$22.94 was collected from the
Lieutenant by monthly deductions from
his pay. Now he will get it back in a
jump with interest, because of the
Comptroller's decision, reversing the
auditor.

SUPREME COURT IS STIRRED TO MIRTH

Dignified Chief Justice Smiles
as Official Crier Gets
Tangled in His Call.

Probably the most ludicrous scene the
dignified Supreme Court of the United
States has witnessed since the days of
John Marshall convulsed court and
spectators today.

The official crier of the court, Frank
Green, usually the personification of
solemnity and importance, got tangled
up in strange verbal complications when
he sought to announce the opening of
the court.

Usually the announcement is: "Oyez,
Oyez, Oyez, the honorable, the Supreme
Court of the United States. All persons
having business before the honorable,
the Supreme Court are admonished to
draw nigh and give their attention for
the court is now sitting. God save the
United States and this honorable court."
Green got along all right until he
came to the word "nigh." Then his
tongue got twisted. He invited all per-
sons to draw nigh and "attend to busi-
ness."

Then he added: "God save, God save,
God save the Supreme Court. God
save the United States. No, God save
the United States. No, God save the
United States and this honorable
court."

Even Chief Justice White laughed
audibly.
Green became red. He was of the hue
of one of Postmaster General Burles-
on's mail wagons.
"He fozled his drives," says Asso-
ciate Justice Pitney, who plays golf
later.

**Jury May Get Kemp
Case This Afternoon**
It is expected that the case of Dr.
Thomas J. Kemp, on trial before Jus-
tice Stafford in Criminal Court No. 1
on a charge of sending non-mailable
matter through the mails, will go to the
jury this afternoon.

Dr. Kemp was a witness in his own
behalf today and informed the jury
that he had no criminal intent in send-
ing the letter on which the indictment
is based. He declared that his practice
has been legitimate in every respect.
Senator Fletcher of Florida, father-
in-law of Dr. Kemp, has attended the
trial each day and taken a deep in-
terest in the proceedings, occasionally
advising the attorneys for the defense.
United States Attorney Wilson and
Assistant Prosecutors Hudekoper and
Hawken are prosecuting the case, and
Attorneys Laskey, Ambrose, Smith
and Kennedy are defending Dr. Kemp.

**Cabinet May Witness
Fleet Target Practice**
Secretary of the Navy Daniels has
received word that the Mayflower and
Delphin will be available for his part
on the trip to the Southern drill
grounds April 1. He hopes to have the
entire Cabinet with him to witness the
target practice of the Atlantic fleet.

HONEYMOONERS HERE ON MRS. GILL'S TRAIN

Thirty-six Young Persons Who
Have Plighted Troths, and
400 Friends, on Special.

Eighteen happy young men and eight-
een happy young women with avowed
matrimonial intent, 400 enthusiastic
friends, and Mrs. J. R. Gill, arrived in
Washington from Richmond this after-
noon at 1:30 on Mrs. Gill's famous
Honeymoon Special. A fleet of sight-
seeing autos met the excursionists at
Union station and bore them to their
hotel.

"Eighteen is merely the number who
have stated their intention of getting
married on this trip," said Mrs. Gill,
upon arrival. "But I expect as many
more will leave Washington as safely
tied together as liceases and ministers
can tie them."

"I believe in matrimony for everyone,"
said Mrs. Gill. "And I believe that di-
vorces are just mistakes which will oc-
cur in any perfectly proper plan. My
idea is to let them marry and nine out
of ten will stay married and become
good citizens."

Mrs. Gill's party is scattered in groups
among the hotels of Washington. Part
of them are at the St. James, the
National, the American House, and the
New Willard. Mrs. Gill herself is quar-
tered at the American House. From
this hotel she will exercise the right
and function of a chaperone over the
whole party.

The party will remain in Washington
until Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.
A special train will carry them back
to Richmond. In the mean time the
points of interest of Washington are be-
ing stormed by the sightseers. Although
the excursion is called a "honeymoon
special" the greater part of the excu-
sionists are in Washington on a holiday,
and will see the sights.

The proceeds of the excursion are de-
voted to the maintenance of the Rich-
mond Male Orphan Asylum, of which
Mrs. Gill is the matron. The excursion
was started ten years ago, since when
there has been one on every Easter Mon-
day. So many couples have traveled to
Washington from Richmond with mari-
monial intent on that excursion that it
has become known as "the honeymoon
special."

**Supreme Court Quits;
To Reconvene April 7**
The Supreme Court adjourned today
until April 7 without handing down the
long-expected decision in the Minnesota
rate case. The decision in this case has
been looked for ever since the first of
the year. It is now expected that it
will be given soon after the court re-
convenes.

OMAHA SUFFERS WORST IN GALE; MANY CITIES HIT

Eighty Known Killed in Ne-
braska Metropolis—Fire
Adds to Storm Horror.
Troops Called Out.

Hundreds of dead, dying, and injured, a property loss
of from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000, is the story
falteringly told over the telegraph wires from the storm
stricken sections of the Middle West today.

Eighty are already known to have perished at Omaha,
where last night's storm wreaked its greatest fury. The
list of dead is estimated at 200; the property loss will total
\$10,000,000.

Five hundred are injured in Omaha, whose residential
section is littered with the wrecks of homes.

In Yutan, near the Nebraska metropolis, fifteen have
died; the complete toll may show twice the number.

Other Nebraska towns report death lists of eighteen,
with nearly 200 injured.

Belated reports from Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas
towns show that in the aggregate a score additional have
been killed with 100 injured.

Terra Haute, Ind., furnishes its twenty dead and its
100 injured.

It is estimated that 10,000 miles of telegraph wires
are down in the storm-swept States. The two telegraph
companies have dispatched several thousand linemen to
the devastated districts.

Omaha, the city of sorrow, is guarded by 300 soldiers
and as many more volunteer policemen who are preventing
looting. Governor Morehead and Adjutant General Hall
reached the unfortunate metropolis of the State shortly
before noon.

Affecting scenes attend the rescue work in Omaha
and elsewhere. The governor of Nebraska wept as he
viewed the desolation about him this afternoon; the hos-
pitals are crowded; the morgues are besieged by frantic
relatives who seek missing members of their families.

Reports from the sections visited by the storm are
gathered slowly. Each hour adds to the list of those who
paid tribute with life and suffering to an unrelenting nature.
The damage done to property mounts into the millions;
the estimates of the dead and injured given above are con-
servative.

In the midnight hours lightning and fire added to the
power of the storm king which smote Omaha. The city
stood helpless in the direct path of the tornado and the
helplessness of humanity was intensified when lightning
set fire to several homes which burned in the sight of their
owners.

A dozen homes are reported to have been destroyed
by the flames while Omaha was cut off, in the early morn-
ing, from the outside world.

Disconnected accounts of the ravages of the storm in
parts of Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Illinois, and Nebraska
creep in over crippled telegraph wires today. It will be
forty-eight hours before the full extent of the damage to
person and property will be known. The southern por-
tion of the Dakotas felt the whip of the wind's fury, but
the storm was malignantly partial to Omaha and environs.
The tornado entered that city from the southwest, bowled

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